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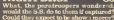
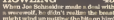
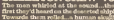
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CREEPY'S CAPACIOUS CAUCUS

Here it is... Uncle Creepy's most raucous Caucus to date! Including the announcement of a brand new series in EERIE, and an old series returning to 1994! Alex Nino tells all! We put ourselves on the back for our Corben and Nehru covers... and admit that we botched up! (That's new!)



WARHAWKS BACK IN 1994!

Around here, good characters never disappear! It may take six years or more to revive them... but they never disappear! Remember the Warhawks from 1994? Well, from so long ago that the magazine had a different title! With the birth of our new GOREN magazine, Bill Doolay decided to give his controversial costume series of his own! But when Abel Lanzetta's pencils came in, Doolay decided that *Warrior Hawk* and his band of violence-crazed vigilantes would be more at home right back where they started—in the pages of our adult science fantasy magazine. All you over-18 readers can say for yourselves what we mean in the October issue of 1994 (#27)!



SUN STROKES OF GENIUS!

In the past year's run of 1994, Alex Nino has begged readers' brains with a 14-page spread, a 10-page story that combines an on-epidemic picture, and a spread in the August 1994 (#26) that combats infinitely in two directions (believe us—that's as close as we can come to describing it). So the last time Alex phoned us from the Philippines, we had to ask him—where do you get the inspiration for these flights of fantasy? His answer was, "Sometimes, when I'm sitting out in the sun for a long time, I go mad!" Well, chances are that Alex's method won't work for everyone... but in case, we're building all our artists drawing boards on the beach!



SO? NO ONE'S PERFECT!

For about the hundredth time this month, we prove it... we're human! In several editions of last month's fan page, we reported that EERIE #138 would contain the *Star Trek* color comic book insert... and that EERIE #139 would be an all-New Dillo issue! Well, reverse that! (Not that it wasn't true at the time we printed it, but plans have changed.) So, if you couldn't wait to read the ten best sales Nino has ever chosen for us, bound between the covers of a single mag issue, now you get to see a little action! If you were hoping to see Bill Doolay and We Cat's work on Warren's first ten-year super-hero, now you get to eagerly anticipate it a little longer! See? Even when we blow it, we spread sunshine and happiness throughout the universe!



WE'VE GOT 'EM COVERED!

You can debate about who produces the best covers in the industry (You can come to only one possible conclusion... but we'll leave them's roots for debate!) However, when a *Warhawk* starts talking covers, lots of other covers emanate from the shadows! Back to back Richard Corben's (on CREEPY #140 and #141) blew the competition off the newsstands! *Roxy Nehru*'s comic book-cover covers have placed THE GOREN and our portfolio issues of CREEPY and EERIE among the hottest sellers at collector's shops around the country! (Want? A Scouter who said, "Life holds no water joy than reading the other child's book!") There is only one way from Rick and Roxy... as well as from rock-brain-wielding wonders as *Fantich* and *Sanjailan*, So, judge our books by their covers, or by their reviews. Warren's covers will stack up against anyone's! (Especially since ours are at least twice as thick!)



GLYTHIS DEBUTS IN EERIE!

We're announcing as many new series these days, it seems like we'll soon run out of magazines to put them in! But we had to make room for our newest feature... Glythis! For one thing, *Timothy Monary*'s storyline about a terrible accident that takes and confuses the lives of an orphan and an alien was among the most compelling we've seen this year! For another, we had to get on *Zack Kinsch* illustrator E.R. Cruz busy before the competition grabbed him! He wrote *The Book*, the continuing saga of *Phosphor* and *Spencerwood*, and the all-new *Star Trek* and *Glythis*, his just won't be worth living with our EERIE #136 (on sale August 17)!



FM COLOR AND YEARBOOK!

Have you caught the new color section in FAMOUS MONSTERS? The first one, in FM #136, spotlighted "Iron" and "Star Trek II: The Wrath of Khan!" The second, in the current issue (#137), features "Crapshoot" and "The Thing." We're thinking of asking the readers for a cut, because when you see how gorgeous these color sections are, you'll melt right out and see the snowed! (In second thought... they may save you into staying away!) In other news, the FM color section is not to be missed... and neither is our 1982 Yearbook (#188, on sale August 17) (Details will follow as soon as we know them!)

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NOW, MERRY MANIACS, A TALE DEAR TO MY HEART... IF I HAD A HEART! WE BEGIN IN EUROPE OF THE LAST CENTURY WITH A MAN WHO HAS TO EAT AND RUN... WHERE'S HE RUNNING? HE DOESN'T KNOW IT, BUT STRAIGHT INTO A...

MONSTER RALLY!

SPREAD OUT! HE CAN'T HAVE GONE FAR! THAT GHOUL'S DEFILED HIS LAST GRAVE!

IN A FEW MOMENTS I'LL BE TRAPPED! GOT TO TRY AND GET OUT... NOW!

WHAT'S THAT NOISE? MORE LIGHT! OVER HERE! HE'S GOING OVER THE WALL!

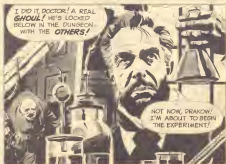
TOO LATE! I CAN NEVER GET AWAY IN TIME!

CAN'T MAKE IT! THEY'RE RIGHT BEHIND ME!

THIS WAY! I CAN HIDE YOU IN MY VAN!



UNDER THE URGING OF THE HUNCHBACK'S WHIP, THE TEAM RACED WITH THE VAN AND ITS STRANGE CARGO THROUGH THE NIGHT AND INTO THE FOLLOWING DAY... UNTIL EVENING FOUND THEM APPROACHING THEIR DESTINATION IN EUROPE'S DARKEST CORNER... **TRANSYLVANIA!**







...WEREWOLF!...

...MUMMY!...

...WITCH WOMAN!...

...PAST OUR OTHER NEW ARRIVAL, THE GHOUL... AH! THERE SHOULD BE AN EMPTY SPOT FOR YOU NEXT DOOR TO THE CELL OF OUR...



VAMPIRE!

WEREWOLVES! VAMPIRES! **ALL** THE CREATURES OF THE UNDEAD HAVE **IMMORTALITY**... IT'S IN THEIR **BLOOD**! ONE ELEMENT COMMON IN THE LIFE FLUID OF ALL THESE MONSTERS... AND WITH THE **FRANKENSTEIN** PROCESS, I CAN ISOLATE IT!!



ONCE I'VE DONE THAT, THE SECRET OF **ETERNAL LIFE** WILL BE MINE--

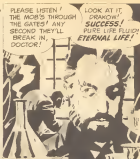


DOCTOR! THE VAMPIRE'S ESCAPED!!



OUTRAISED BY THE HORROR THAT HAD STRUCK THEIR VILLAGE, THE TOWNSPEOPLE BANDED TOGETHER...
DETERMINED TO ASSAULT THE SOURCE FROM WHICH THIS EVIL HAD DESCENDED...







WITH THE FIRST RAYS OF THE SUN, THE EXHAUSTED VILLAGERS MADE THEIR WAY HOME, LEAVING A BLACK CLOUD OF SMOKE OVER WHAT HAD ONCE BEEN DOCTOR HABEAS'S CASTLE OF HORRORS...



BUT DEEP WITHIN THE SMOULDERING RUINS OF THE DUNGEON, THE SPILLED LIFE FLUID WAS REACTING STRANGELY ON THE CHARRED REMAINS OF THE INCREDIBLE COLLECTION OF MONSTERS...



UNTIL THE RAYS OF THE FULL MOON SEEPED THROUGH THE DEBRIS AND FELL ON THE BUBBLING POOL...



AND VILLAGERS BEGAN HEARING WEIRD DISTURBING SOUNDS FROM THE DIRECTION OF THE RUINS...



ALMOST AS THOUGH, DEEP WITHIN THE SLIME AND MUCK OF THE WRECKAGE, SOMETHING WAS-- **LIVING!**



... SOMETHING BORN OF DR. HABEAS'S STRANGE EXPERIMENTS AND THE PODDER OF HIS MONSTERS' REMAINS ...AND SOMEHOW DESTINED TO KEEP THE TRADITION VERY MUCH **ALIVE!**



(SWIFF! THAT STORY ALWAYS LEAVES ME CHOKED UP... YES, KIDDIES, THE LITTLE WAF WAS YOUR OWN UNCLE CREEPY! LUCKILY I WAS ABLE TO CLEAN UP OL' HABEAS'S DUNGEON AND TURN IT INTO A GOING CONCERN AGAIN... ONLY INSTEAD OF MONSTERS, I HAVE (CHOKE!) **COMIC ARTISTS!** BUT THEIR WORK IS PRETTY **MONSTROUS** AS YOU'LL SEE IN THE NEXT TERROR-TALE!



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AT LAST! I'M GOING TO FIND OUT WHY THE OLD SKIN FLINT MAKES THESE MIDNIGHT VISITS DOWN HERE

ABORNAH...
ASHTAROTH...
IBNALLAH...

WHAT'S THAT GIBBERISH?
LORD! UNCLE CORNELIUS MUST BE OUT OF HIS SKULL! WHAT DOES HE THINK HE'S DOING?

ZIMNAN ORGALLA
PHERNATH DROSH...

IT'S LIKE HE'S
PRAYING OR CHANTING...
THIS IS INSANE!

WANATHAL
GLANDOR FRAH...

OEILLET!

THERE WAS A FLASH OF FLAME, A
SICKENING SULPHUROUS REEK
PERVADED THE ENTIRE CELLAR AND...

OEILLET!

SPEAK OF THE DEVIL AND A DEMON APPEARS... YOU'LL BE SEEING A LOT OF HIM IN THIS
WEIRDY I'VE CONJURED UP FOR YOU ENTITLED...

ONE FOR DE-MONEY

Author E. NELSON BRIDWELL/illustrator ANGELO TORRES

VERNON CLINGS IN SHOCK TO THE DAMP WALL, PULSE POUNDING IN HIS VEINS, UNABLE TO BELIEVE WHAT HIS EYES TOLD HIM *MUST* BE TRUE...

IT WAS SOME KIND OF MYSTIC INCANTATION... BUT WHY? WHY SHOULD THE OLD MAN CALL UP THIS *P-DEMON*?

AH, OELLET... YOU COME AGAIN! NO MATTER HOW MUCH YOU HATE ME, OR ANY WASTER, YOU *MUST* SERVE!

YOU'D LIKE TO TEAR ME TO PIECES, WOULDN'T YOU, OELLET? BUT YOU KNOW YOU CAN'T REACH ME!

THE CHALKED LINES OF THE PENTAGRAM KEEP YOU IMPRISONED! YOU CANNOT PASS THEM! NOW...GIVE ME WHAT I ALWAYS WANT!

HAHAHA! HAHAHAHAHA!
MONEY!
MONEY!
MONEY!



WOW... GO!
ZAHNVANH
YAPPE
OEILLET!



THAT'S HOW HE GOT HIS
MONEY! AND TO THINK OF THE
WAY THE MISERABLE OLD
MISER'D TREATED ME...
TO THINK OF IT!



NOT ANGRY MEMORIES RACED THROUGH VERNON'S
MIND... TAKING HIM BACK TO HIS ARRIVAL AT THE
HOME OF THIS OLD MAN NOW GREEDILY GATHERING
UP THE GOLD COINS...

KILL THE FATTED
CALF UNCLE CORNELIUS!
YOUR PRODIGAL
NEPHEW'S RETURNED—
FOR A TONGUE!



... SO I NEED A LITTLE
TO TIDE ME OVER! A FEW
GRAND WOULD DO IT!

NOT ONE
RED CENT!



YOU CAN'T
DO THIS TO ME!
I NEED THAT DOUGH
RIGHT AWAY—YOU'VE
GOT PLENTY
OF BREAD!

I DON'T KNOW
WHAT KIND OF JAM
YOU'VE GOTTEN INTO
NOW, VERN, BUT I'VE
BAILED YOU OUT FOR
THE LAST TIME!

I'M YOUR NEPHEW...
YOUR ONLY HEIR!
PLAT BROKE! NO PLACE
TO STAY... I COULDN'T
EVEN SCRAPE UP
CHANGE FOR A MEAL!

THEN STAY
HERE! YOU'LL
BE OUT OF TROUBLE,
AND YOU WON'T STARVE!
BUT I WON'T TRUST
YOU FIVE MINUTES
WITH ANY OF
MY MONEY!

VERNON KNEW HE HAD TO ACCEPT... HAD
TO REMAIN TIED IN THAT OLD MANSION
BY HIS UNCLE'S PUSSY STRINGS...

AS FOR BEING MY
HEIR... FORGET IT!
I INTEND TO
REWRITE MY WILL
SO YOU WON'T
GET A PENNY!

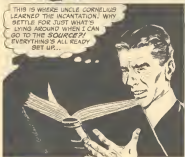
VERNON'S BLOOD BOILED ANGRILY AT
THE THOUGHTS OF HIS HUMILIATION,
PROPELLING HIM FORWARD FROM HIDING...

NOW UNCLE!
WE'LL SEE WHO
CUTS WHO OFF!

VERN...
WHAT...?

GOODBYE... UNCLE...
CORNELIUS!

DONE!





THERE WAS NO TIME LEFT FOR VERNON TO QUESTION. HE COULD ONLY SCREAM! THERE WAS NOT EVEN TIME FOR A LAST LOOK AT THE BREAK RUBBED IN THE CHALK LINE OF THE PENTAGRAM... RUBBED IN THE VERY SPOT THROUGH WHICH VERNON HAD DRAGGED HIS UNCLE'S BODY!



JUDGING FROM
THAT SCREAM,
FRIGHT-FANS,
I'D SAY THE
CHALK LINE
ISN'T THE ONLY
THING THAT GOT
RUBBED OUT!
NOW, IF YOU'LL
EXCUSE ME,
I'VE GOT SOME
READING TO DO
... JUST FOUND
A WONDERFUL
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THE DUEL OF THE MONSTERS!



IT IS THE FIRST NIGHT OF THE FULL MOON... ALL IS QUIET IN THE SMALL SPANISH VILLAGE NESTLED IN THE FOOTHILLS OF THE PYRENEES... BUT NOT FOR LONG! CROUCHED ON A ROOF TOP IS A FIGURE AS MUCH BEAST AS A MAN... POISED AND PANTING AS THE BLOODLUST RISES... NOSTRILS FLARED IN THE COLD AIR...

ITS PREY IS AT HAND!



THE TERRIFYING SOUNDS OF CARNAGE ECHO THROUGH THE NIGHT AND FALL ON A SCENE FAR QUIETER, BUT NO LESS HORRIBLE...



NIGHT DUTY IN THE SPANISH CIVIL GUARD HAD WORKED OUT WELL FOR SERGEANT VEGA...UNTIL THIS RASH ACT OF YET ANOTHER OF THE NIGHT! SATIATED AND UNDISCOVERED, HE HURRIES TO THE SCENE OF THE CRIME...



THIS MAKES IT CERTAIN! A MANIAC IS LOOSE!

CURSE THAT WEREWOLF! ORDINARILY I COULD HAVE HIDDEN HER SO IT'D BE DAYS BEFORE SHE WAS DISCOVERED! HE'LL PAY FOR THIS!



THROUGH THE REST OF A LONG NIGHT, SERGEANT VEGA LEADS THE OUTRAGED VILLAGERS UP ONE BLIND ALLEY AFTER ANOTHER ... DAWN APPROACHES BEFORE THE CHASE IS FINALLY ABANDONED!

CORPORAL RUIZ REPORTING TO RELIEVE YOU, SERGEANT!

FORGET THE FORMALITIES, RUIZ! YOU'RE LATE! NEXT TIME YOU BE HERE WELL BEFORE SUNRISE!



SERGEANT VEGA QUICKLY ABANDONS HIS REPLACEMENT RUSHING TO HIS SMALL COTTAGE HOME...

A TOUCH TO A HIDDEN LEVER, AND A SECRET DOOR SWINGS OPEN...

LEADING INTO A TUNNEL, DUG ESPECIALLY TO FIT HIS STRANGE AND UNHOLY NEEDS...



UNTIL FINALLY A STONE IS MOVED ON THE FLOOR OF THE MAUSOLEUM IN THE VILLAGE CEMETERY...



ARGHHH! THE WEREWOLF! THIS MUST BE HIS WORK! HE KNOWS ABOUT ME! I CAN'T USE THIS COFFIN NOW!



THE FIRST RAYS OF THE SUN
TIP OVER THE PYRENEES AS
A LARGE BAT FLIES FROM THE
MAUSOLEUM WITH FRENZIED
URGENCY...



ALIGHTING FINALLY IN A CAVE
DEEP IN THE HILLS...

GOOD THING I WAS PRE-
PARED ONE RESTING PLACE
MIGHT BE DISCOVERED! THE
SUN'S RAYS HAVEN'T YET
HIT THE CAVE! THAT
WEREWOLF IS THE
DEVIL'S OWN!



WHO IS HE? I'VE GOT TO
FIND HIM! SOMEONE WHO
KNOWS ME AND HIS WAY
AROUND THE CEMETERY
HE MUST BE DESTROYED
BEFORE HE DESTROYS ME!



TAKING HIS POST THE NEXT EVENING, THOUGHTS
STILL HAMMER AT THE SERGEANT'S HEAD...

WHICH ONE OF THESE FOOLS
IS IT? SOMEONE WHO COULD
FIND MY COFFIN... GET INTO A
LOCKED MAUSOLEUM...

BUENAS NOCHES,
SERGEANT! YOU
LOOK TIRED... HAVE
TROUBLE SLEEPING?



... SOMEONE LIKE ALPHONSO,
THE NIGHT WATCHMAN AT
THE CEMETERY!



MIDNIGHT! THE FRIGHTENED VILLAGE IS LOCKED UP TIGHT... THIS IS THE TIME SERGEANT VEGA HAS BEEN SLOWLY PACING HIS ROUNDS WAITING FOR... HIS THROAT IS DRY AND BILLS UP THICKLY WITH THIRST... FOR **BLOOD!**

THERE'S ALWAYS ONE WINE OUTWEIGHS FEAR YOU'RE SINGING YOUR LAST SONG, FOOL!



TAKING BAT FORM, VEGA SWOOPS SWIFTLY AND VICIOUSLY IN ON THE UPSURPER OF HIS PREY!



HE'S GETTING AWAY! AND THAT STREET LEADS JUST ONE PLACE! **THE GRAVEYARD!**



SORRY TO BE LATE AGAIN, SERGEANT! THERE WAS ANOTHER KILLING DURING THE NIGHT?

YES, AND ONCE AGAIN THE MANIAC ESCAPED! BUT NOW I HAVE MY SUSPICIONS AS TO HIS IDENTITY...

HERE'S ONE TO BE SUSPICIOUS OF, SERGEANT! LAST EVENING I SAW ALPHONSO LEAVING THE MAUSOLEUM! WHAT KIND OF MAN SPENDS TIME IN THERE?!

A MAN WHO PUTS CROSSES IN COFFINS! AND NOW! IS THAT A BANDAGE ON HIS HEAD?



ALPHONSO! WHAT HAPPENED TO YOUR HEAD? SOME KIND OF WOUND?!

NOTHING SO GRAND, SERGEANT! JUST A SCRATCH FROM A LOW HANGING BRANCH WHILE MAKING MY ROUNDS!

I'LL HAVE MORE THAN A SCRATCH FOR YOU TOMORROW NIGHT! YOU'VE MADE YOUR LAST ROUNDS, WEREWOLF!

AS THE NEXT FULL MOON RISES, THE LEATHERY FLAP OF BAT WINGS PROPEL SERGEANT VEGA TOWARD THE FINAL MEETING WITH HIS BEAST-MAN RIVAL...



ALPHONSO!
I'VE COME
FOR YOU!



BLAST! HE'S NOT
HERE IN THE WATCH-
MAN'S HUT... MUST
BE OUT MAKING
HIS ROUNDS...



VERY WELL! I HIDE
HERE INSIDE THE CLOSET
... BE A NICE SURPRISE
WHEN HE GETS
BACK!



THE WEREWOLF!!



BEAST! NOW
YOU'LL DIE!

YARGHHH!
SNARLLL!



DIE! DIE!
DIE!

YOWLLLLL!



HE'S MORTALLY WOUNDED!
WHY DOESN'T HE DIE--
AIEEEEEEEE!

GAARGHHH!

BOTH OPPONENTS SINK TO THE FLOOR, BREATHING THEIR
LAST... SLOWLY REVERTING TO THEIR NORMAL STATE...

RUIZ! YOU'RE
...THE **WEREWOLF!**
... I THOUGHT...
ALPHONSO... WAS...

SERGEANT? AND
I THOUGHT...
ALPHONSO...
WAS... VAMPIRE...

EXACTLY WHAT I WANTED YOU BOTH TO
THINK! I WORKED VERY HARD TO
CREATE THOSE IMPRESSIONS,
KNOWING YOU BOTH WOULD
COME HERE... AND DESTROY
EACH OTHER!

BUT... WHY?!

WITH A VAMPIRE AND
WEREWOLF IN THE
VILLAGE, COMPETITION
WAS GETTING VERY
KEEN... AND DANGEROUS!
DIDN'T YOU KNOW,
SERGEANT?...

**I'M A
GHOUL!**

AS DARKNESS CLOSES IN ON HIM, SERGEANT
VEGA NOTICES FOR THE FIRST TIME, ALPHON-
SO'S MOUTH FULL OF SHARP, DEADLY, POINTED
TEETH... SHOWING SO WELL WHEN HE SMILES!

NOW IT'S
NEARLY DAWN...
TIME FOR A
BIG BREAKFAST!

WELL, HEH, HEH... THAT'S ONE
WAY TO BEAT THE CORN FLAKES
HABIT! AND IF YOU'VE STILL
GOT THE HORROR HABIT
AFTER THIS MOUTHFUL, TRY
THE NEXT **GHOUSSOME GOODY**,
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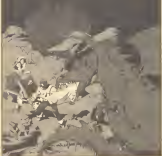


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BRAIN TRUST!

FROM THE PITCH BLACK INTERIOR OF THE OLD HOUSE, AN OODLE OF FETID DECAY STUNG THE NOSTRILS OF THE YOUNG MAN IN THE DOORWAY... HE WINCED BUT DID NOT RUN AWAY AS EVERY INSTINCT IN HIM SCREAMED TO DO!

THE VOICE WAS A HOARSE, GRATING RASP, SEEMING ALMOST DISEMBODIED AS IT CAME OUT OF THE IMPENETRABLE DARKNESS!



CHESTER...IT'S DR. ELLIOT! I UNDERSTAND YOUR... PROBLEM! I'VE COME TO HELP!

GET OUT OF HERE! THERE'S NOTHING YOU OR ANYONE ELSE CAN DO!



CHESTER... PLEASE!

OOO, I GOT A GUN HERE... DON'T MAKE ME USE IT!



PLEASE! M-MAYBE IT'S NOT TOO LATE...

TOO LATE! IT WAS TOO LATE THE DAY YOU CAME TO FOSTERDALE!

ELLIOT'S MIND RACED BACK... BACK TO THE DAY HE HAD FIRST ARRIVED IN POSTERDALE... THE DAY HE HAD FIRST SEEN CHESTER HOLCOMB... AT THE FUNERAL OF THE MAN HE WAS TO REPLACE!

WHAT AM I GONNA DO?
WHAT AM I GONNA *DO*?
BLAST YOU, DOC ADAMS!
WHY'D YOU HAVE
TO DIE?!

THE MUTTERINGS OF THE GREAT HULK OF A MAN HAD REACHED ELLIOT'S EAR... A DOCTOR'S CONCERN MADE HIM APPROACH..

I DON'T LIKE TO
INTRUDE, BUT PERHAPS
I COULD HELP... I'M
TO BE DR. ADAMS'S
REPLACEMENT.

WHAP!
GET AWAY!
HE WAS THE
ONLY ONE 'COULD
DO ANYTHING...
THE ONLY ONE!
GET AWAY! LEAVE
ME ALONE!!

STRANGE! DOESN'T
APPEAR TO HAVE
TOUCHED A RAZOR
FOR DAYS... BUT
HE'S DRENCHED
WITH SHAVING
LOTION!

DON'T PAY HIM
NO MIND, DOC!
THAT'S CHESTER
HOLCOMB... THE
TOWN CHARACTER!

HARMLESS ENOUGH...
BUT SIMPLE MINDED!
NOT MUCH UPSTAIRS!

YET FROM THE BEGINNING, ELLIOT HAD BEEN INTRIGUED BY THE CASE OF CHESTER HOLCOMB... AND THE CAUSE OF HIS STRANGENESS...

SEEMS TO BE A COMPLETE RECLUSE...
ONLY LEAVES THAT OLD HOUSE
OCCASIONALLY FOR GROCERIES...



HE WATCHED THE HULKING MAN CLOSELY, HOPING FOR SOME CLUE TO WHAT LAY BENEATH THE RETARDED EXTERIOR.

AN A CASE OF SHAVING LOTION...

A CASE? LAWD, YOU NEED THE WHOLE FACTORY!

OR BETTER YET... A BATH!

IT'S PURE CRIMINAL FOR A MAN TO WALK AROUND LIKE THAT...

THERE'S A LIMIT TO WHAT PERPONE CAN COVER UP!

THE BOYS ARE RIGHT! IF YOU CAN'T TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF, STAY OUT OF MY STORE! I'M NOT FILLING ANY MORE ORDERS FOR YOU!

CHESTER! THOSE MEN'S ACTIONS WERE INEXCUSABLE... IF YOU'D LET ME HELP..

GET YOUR HANDS OFF ME! LEMME ALONE!!

MY GOD... HIS FLESH WAS COLD AS ICE!

YOU SHOULDN'T WORRY NONE ABOUT THAT BIG HULK, DOC! HE MAY BE SIMPLE, BUT HE'S HEALTHY AS A BULL... NOTHIN' CAN HURT HIM!

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

"YESSIE...AIN'T NOthin' CAN HURT THAT BOSS .. LIKE THE DAY HE WANDERED RIGHT OUT IN FRONT OF LEM FULLER'S PRODUCE TRUCK!"



"WASN'T A MAN AMONG US THAT DIDN'T FIGURE WE CARRIED A DEAD MAN INTO THE DOC'S OFFICE .. BUT WE HADN'T MORE 'AN LAID HIM OUT ON THE TABLE, WHEN... UP HE SAT!"



"DOC ADAMS ALWAYS TOOK A SPECIAL INTEREST IN CHESTER .. ALWAYS WORRIED ABOUT HIM .. EVEN HE DIDN'T HAVE NO HOPE WHEN HE GOT TO HIM SPRAWLED OUT IN THE STREET!"



THAT WAS 'BOUT A WEEK BEFORE OL' DOC KICKED OFF WITH HIS HEART ATTACK! WONDER ALL OF US DIDN'T HAVE ONE, SEEN! CHESTER WALK AWAY FROM A THING LIKE THAT! AIN'T NOthin' CAN HURT THAT BOY!



MONTHS PASSED CHESTER HOLCOMB MADE NO MORE APPEARANCES IN THE GENERAL STORE OR ANYWHERE ELSE IN FOSTERDALE.



SOMETHIN STRANGE IS GOIN ON AROUND HERE! LAST NIGHT SOME KIND OF CRITTER BROKE INTO OUR FRUIT CELLAR MADE OFF WITH A LOT OF STUFF!



SHERIFF OUGHT
TO DO SOMETHING!
IT'S HAPPENED TO A
LOT OF FOLKS
CHICKENS, CROPS
ANY KINDA FOOD!
THE THING SHOULD
BE HUNTED DOWN!

TRACKIN' IT
SHOULDN'T BE A
PROBLEM...LEFT
AN AWFUL STRONG
SMELL IN OUR
FRUIT CELLAR!



THE ANGRY, HOPELESS VOICE DROVE HIM
BACK TO HIS OFFICE...AND TO THE OLD
FILES LEFT BY DOC ADAMS..

NOTHING HERE
ON CHESTER...
NOT EVEN A
RECORD OF
BIRTH!

WAIT!...
DOC ADAMS
ALSO KEPT
A DIARY!



HE READ THE REST OF THE ENTRIES IN HORROR, THEN CLOSED
THE BOOK! ELLIOT NOW KNEW HOW HOPELESS CHESTER'S
SITUATION WAS.. YET, NO MATTER HOW FUTILE, HIS DOCTOR'S
INSTINCTS DROVE HIM BACK INTO THE NIGHT TOWARD THE
DARKENED OLD HOUSE..

ELLIOT RACED FROM THE STORE TO CHESTER'S FRONT DOOR...
THE SEEDS OF MOB VIOLENCE HAD BEEN IN THE CONVERSATION
JUST HEARD, AND IT WOULD BE BUT A MATTER OF TIME UNTIL
EVERYONE MADE THE SAME CONNECTION HE HAD!

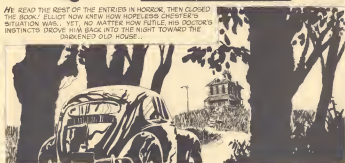
CHESTER! LISTEN TO REASON!
I'M A DOCTOR... THERE MUST
BE SOMETHING I CAN DO...
TELL ME WHAT'S
HAPPENING!

MEDICINE
WON'T HELP!
NOTHING WILL!
JUST LEAVE
ME BE!



HE UNCOVERED THE OLD BOOK...
BEGAN BROWSING THROUGH THE
FADED INK ENTRIES...UNTIL...

HERE! MOTHER
DIED IN CHILDBIRTH...
SURVIVED BY...
TWINNINGS! BOTH DE-
FORMED AT BIRTH
SO THAT...
OH, MY GOD!



CHESTER, I READ DOC ADAM'S DIARY... I KNOW THERE ARE TWO OF YOU! ONE IS THE TWIN WITH THE NORMAL BODY... THE TWIN KILLED BY THE TRUCK

THE TWIN THAT EVEN THOUGH DEAD, EVEN THOUGH DECAYING HAD TO KEEP MOVING AND PROVIDING FOR YOU! YOU CHESTER... THE OTHER TWIN! THE TWIN BORN WITH THE BRAIN FOR BOTH BODIES!!

NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENED TO THE OTHER BODY, IT COULD STILL BE MOVED BY YOUR THOUGHTS AND WILL POWER! NOW WILL YOU LET ME TRY TO HELP?

DON'T TOUCH THE LIGHTS! I CAN'T STAND TO BE SEEN! DON'T! DON'T!!

ELLIOT'S FINGERS WERE ALREADY ON THE SWITCH... HE COULD NOT STOP HIMSELF... BUT IN THE SPLIT-SECOND BEFORE LIGHT FLOODED THE RANCID-SMELLING ROOM...

CHESTER!
NO!

BLAM!

DR. ELLIOT TRIED TO SCREAM, BUT ONLY A CHOKED WHISPER WOULD COME FORTH... CHESTER HOLCOMB HAD GIVEN HIS LAST THOUGHT COMMAND TO THE DECAYED THING THAT HAD BEEN HIS MINDLESS TWIN... MAKING THE BONY FINGER TRIGGER THE SUICIDE SHOT TO THE BRAIN WHICH CONTROLLED THEM BOTH!

OH MY GOD!

TSK, TSK! TOO BAD... CHESTER WAS A REAL BRAIN! NO WONDER HE WAS HEAD OF THE FAMILY! NOW, IF YOU'VE A MIND TO, PUSH ON TO MY NEXT TALE...



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THE SWAMP GOD!

CROFT, THIS IS CRAZY! CHASING AROUND AFTER SOME INDIAN LEGEND!

YOU CAN'T BE SURE WHAT WE'LL FIND DOUGLAS! NOBODY'S BEEN THIS DEEP INTO THE SWAMP BEFORE RIGHT JOHNNY?

SOMEWHERE IN THE DISTANCE CAME THE LOW RUMBLE OF APPROACHING THUNDER. FLASHES OF HEAT LIGHTNING BRIGHTENED THE NIGHT SKY... JOHN KIMA EASED UP ON THE POLE AND LET THE PUGOUT DRIFT IN A BRIEF STRETCH OF CLEAR WATER. ALREADY HE WAS HAVING REGRETS ABOUT THE EXPEDITION.

NO WHITE MAN, MR. CROFT, FOR CENTURIES MY PEOPLE HAVE MADE THIS AREA THEIR HOME... ISOLATED AND PRIMITIVE!

BUT YOU'RE AN EDUCATED MAN, KIMA... YOU BELIEVE THIS "SWAMP GOD" STUFF?

A HERON SCREECHED AND WINGED SKYWARD THROUGH THE DARKNESS, THEN ONLY THE MEN'S VOICES BROKE THE LAYER OF SILENCE THAT HUNG OVER THE SWAMP THE SILENCE OF ANTICIPATION... PERHAPS OF THE APPROACHING STORM...

I BELIEVE ANY LEGEND HAS SOME ROOTS IN FACT! SOMETHING VERY REAL AND VERY TERRIBLE, STALKS IN THIS SWAMP!

AND JOHNNY'S FIXED IT SO YOU AND I GET FIRST CRACK AT IT, DOUGLAS!



EAGLES TO ELEPHANTS, I'VE BAGGED THEM ALL, KIMA. NOTHING IN HERE CAN BE THAT UNUSUAL!

UNUSUAL ENOUGH TO LEVEL ENTIRE VILLAGES! UNUSUAL ENOUGH THAT GENERATIONS OF ANY TRIBE HAVE MADE SACRIFICES TO APPEASE IT! HUMAN SACRIFICES!



H-HUMAN SACRIFI--COME OFF IT, KIMA! THIS DAY AND AGE! IF THERE'S MORE THAN AN OVERSIZED ALLIGATOR AROUND, I'LL EAT IT!

THIS SWAMP IS OLD... DEEP... UNTOUCHED BY TIME! PAST AND PRESENT MEAN LITTLE HERE...



I'M OF A PRIMITIVE AND DYING PEOPLE... I'VE TRIED TO CHANGE THEIR WAYS... IT WAS MY HOPE THE TWO OF YOU COULD HELP.

DON'T GET SORE JOHNNY! DOUGLAS AND I ARE TOP HUNTERS IF ANYONE CAN NAIL YOUR SWAMP GOD WE CAN!



THUNDER RESOUNDED OVERHEAD AND DROPS OF RAIN BEGAN PELTING THE THREE MEN IN THE DUGOUT.

WHAT'S UP? WHY ARE WE STOPPING?

WE CAN GO NO FURTHER... THIS IS THE PLACE OF SACRIFICE, THE KILLING GROUND OF THE SWAMP GOD!





HATE TO
HAVE COME ALL
THIS WAY FOR
NOTHIN' -
WHAT'S THAT,
JOHNNY P?

WHEN THE
SWAMP GOD'S
SACRIFICE WAS
PREPARED, A
BLAST FROM
THIS HORN WAS
SAID TO
SUMMON
HIM FORTH...

IT COMES
FROM THERE
BEYOND THE
TREES!

LOOKS
PEACEFUL
NOW.. THIS
RAIN WON'T MAKE
WAITING EASY...



MOMENTARILY, ONLY THE SOUND OF THE
RAIN WAS AUDIBLE IN THE SWAMP, THEN
THE INDIAN GUIDE'S LIPS TOUCHED THE
OLD HORN, FILLING THE NIGHT WITH A LONG
WAIL, ECHOING LIKE THE CRIES OF A WOUNDED
ANIMAL... TORTURED AND UNEARTHLY!



DOUGLAS!
T-THERE IN THE
BOGS...



...S-SOMETHING'S
STIRRING!



THE SWAMP'S STIRLING AIR
WAS RENT BY A HUGE THUNDER
CLAP, QUICKLY FOLLOWED BY
THE CRACKLING BRILLIANCE
OF LIGHTNING ETCHING THE
AREA IN AN EERIE GLOW.

TYRANNOSAURUS!
KIMA WAS RIGHT...
IT'S SURVIVED TIME!
NURTURED ON
H-HUMAN
SACRIFICE..

OH, MY GOD!



GOOD THING TOO! YOU MIGHT HAVE ENDED UP LIKE CROFT! BLASTED RIFLES... FINE WEAPONS FOR YEARS! HOW COULD THEY GO WRONG NOW?

NO BULLETS, MR. DOUGLAS. I REMOVED THEM WHEN I LOADED THE PUGOUT!

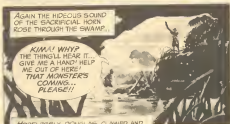


YOU DID WHAT? I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY--KIMMA! WHAT'RE YOU DOING?! NO!



AGAIN THE HIDEOUS SOUND OF THE SACRIFICIAL HORN ROSE THROUGH THE SWAMP.

KIMMA! WHYP THE THING'LL HEAR IT... GIVE ME A HAND! HELP ME OUT OF HERE! THAT MONSTER'S COMING... PLEASE!!



HOPELESSLY, DOUGLAS CLAWED AND SCRAPPED AT THE MUD AND GRASS OF THE BANK ONLY TO FIND THE MIRE OF THE BOTTOM SLIPPING BENEATH HIS SCRAMBLING FEET...EVEN AS HOT REPTILIAN BREATH SPRAYED OVER HIM, ABOVE HIS OWN SCREAMS, HE COULD HEAR JOHN KIMMA'S PADING WORDS...

...SINCE FROM NOW ON, I'M USING OUTSIDERS ONLY!!



IT'S AS I SAID, MR. DOUGLAS, WITH YOUR HELP I'M CHANGING THE WAYS OF MY PEOPLE! THEY'LL CEASE DYING OUT FROM SACRIFICES...



HMMMMMM... IT APPEARS DOUGLAS IS MORE SELF-SACRIFICING THAN I THOUGHT! NOW, BEFORE THE SWAMP GOD PUTS THE BITE ON HIM, WHY DON'T YOU NIBBLE AT MY NEXT GOODIE?



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JOE SCHNEIDER... HE'S A LITTLE MAN, BUT A BIG OPERATOR...
NEVER MISSES AN ANGLE! EVEN MADE A DEAL WITH A **WEREWOLF**!
THAT'S WHAT I WANT TO TELL YOU ABOUT... IT WAS A...

HOWLING SUCCESS!



WE SHOULDN'T HAVE
STAYED OUT SO LATE!!
POLICE SAY THERE'S
A MANIAC LOOSE!

DON'T WORRY,
HONEY! YOU HAVE
ME TO PROTECT
YOU!



GRRRR!
GROWL!



YAHH HHH!!



OLD BATTAX! OUGHTTA BE GLAD
I GO OUT... LEAVE 'ER ALONE TO
STUFF HER FACE AN' GET FATTER
AND FATTER!

HORRAT FOR
DOMESTIC BLISS,
EH? ACTUALLY,
JOE'S WIFE JUST
DOESN'T UNDER-
STAND HIM... HE'S
GOT A LOT OF
GOOD IDEAS...
HEH, HEH! READ
ON, FRIENDS!

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CALL ME WORTHLESS!
WHAT'S SHE THINK
SHE IS?! ONLY GOOD
SHE'D BE IS DEAD...
THEN OUR JOINT
INSURANCE POLICY'D
PAY OFF!

TEN THOUSAND
BUCKS! IF ETHEL'D
JUST KICK OFF!

...OR IF I'D FIND A
WAY TO KICK HER
OFF!

JOE'S
Grill





WHAT DID I TELL YOU...
IS JOE AN OPERATOR?
ALL HE HAS TO DO
NOW IS SET ETHEL UP
AND THE BIGGEST DEAL
OF HIS LIFE IS CLINCHED!
C'MON, FELLOWS AND
SHOULDS, LET'S FLIP
OUR CALENDARS AHEAD
TO THE NEXT **FULL MOON**...



I'LL GO, YOU SNEVELING
SHRIMP! JUST TO CALL
YOUR BLUFF!



THERE'S THE FULL
MOON! WHERE IS
HE? WHAT'S HE
WAITIN' FOR?



SOON AS HE COMES, I'LL SHOVE
HER FORWARD! THEN JUMP IN THE
CAR... **BLAST IT!** WHERE IS
THAT STUPID WEREWOLF?



S'MATTER, JOE?
LOSE YOUR
PARTNER?

DIDN'T I TELL
YOU TO SHU--



ETHEL! YOU'RE --

**THE
WEREWOLF!**
AND THIS TIME
THERE'S NO
BARS BETWEEN
US!



HEH, HEH! GUES TO SHOW YOU
NO MATTER HOW LONG YOU LIVE
WITH A WOMAN, YOU NEVER
REALLY GET TO KNOW HER.
DON'T THINK JOE DIDN'T GET
ANYTHING OUT OF THIS... WITH
THE JOINT INSURANCE MONEY,
ETHEL GAVE HIM A VERY
NICE FUNERAL. AH, WELL,
AS JOE WOULD SAY
BIG DEAL!



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UNTIMELY TOMB!



REALLY STANFORD, YOU SHOULDN'T BE TALKING YOURSELF LIKE THIS. YOUR SISTER'S DEATH HAS BEEN A GREAT DRAIN ON YOUR HEALTH!

AND I TELL YOU, DOCTOR, SHE'S ALIVE!

BY GAD, SIR, I PRONOUNCED HER DEAD MYSELF! WOULD I MAKE A MISTAKE ABOUT A THING LIKE THAT?

I PRAY YOU DIDN'T, DOCTOR! BUT YOU HAVEN'T HEARD WHAT I'VE BEEN HEARING!



NERVES, M'BOY, NERVES! YOU'RE UNDER A GREAT EMOTIONAL STRAIN!

NO! SINCE THE FIRST NIGHT SHE WAS LAID TO REST, I'VE HEARD THE CRIES! FAINT... PITIFUL... TORTURED AND PLEADING! BELIEVE ME, DR. BEANISH, MY SISTER IS DOWN HERE—
ALIVE!



Author: ARCHIE GOODWIN/illustrator: ANGELO TORRES

THE FAMILY
CRYPT!

STANFORD LET
US STOP NOW!
YOU'RE SICK WITH
GRIEF! OVER-
WROUGHT! COME
UPSTAIRS... LET
ME PRESCRIBE
SOMETHING!



I MUST FIND OUT!
DO YOU THINK I
COULD LIVE ON, NEVER
BEING SURE?



THE GIRL WAS DEAD,
SR! I EXAMINED
HER, I KNOW!
BREAKING OPEN
THIS CASKET
IS MADNESS!

LOOK
AT THE
LOCK,
DOCTOR!
IT'S
ALREADY
BROKEN!



THERE! WHAT OF
YOUR EXAMINATIONS
NOW, DOCTOR?!

GOOD
LORD!



S-STANFORD I
ASSURE YOU...
I MADE EVERY
TEST... WAS
SO CERTAIN...

SHUT UP,
YOU FOOL!
WE'VE GOT TO
FIND HER!
WHERE CAN SHE
B-- BEHIND
THE DOOR!



AIIIIIIIIIEE!

W-WE'RE
TOO LATE!





THE DOCTOR'S FEAR OF EXPOSURE PROVED WELL-FOUNDED...



SEVERAL DAYS PASSED AND DOCTOR BEAMISH AROUND HIS PART IN THE DEED WENT UNDISCOVERED... WHEN...

SOMEONE FOR THE SPECIAL CASE, DOCTOR! THEY'RE PUTTIN' AWAY THE YOUNG EARL OF STAMFORD, WHO WAS DONE IN EARLIER THIS WEEK!



STAMFORD! LAD TO REST NEXT DOOR TO ME?! GOOD LORD! SEEMS HE LEFT A REQUEST TO BE BURIED HERE IN THE EVENT OF HIS DEMISE ... WOULDN'T HAVE NO PART OF THE FAMILY CRYPT!



SLEEP DID NOT COME EASILY FOR THE DOCTOR, AND THAT WHICH CAME WAS TROUBLED... THEN, IN THE DEEPEST DEAD OF NIGHT...

WHAT'S THAT? A CRY! I'M SURE I HEARD A CRY! SOUNDED LIKE IT CAME FROM...



...THE MAUSOLEUM! A FAINT MUFFLED CRY FROM INSIDE THAT COLD STONE!



I-IT CAN'T BE! HE'S DEAD! I KILLED HIM! YET... I HEARD! I WAS WRONG ABOUT THE SISTER...

IF HE'S ALIVE AND SOMEONE ELSE FINDS HIM... HE'LL TELL EVERYTHING!



I'VE GOT TO KNOW FOR SURE!





IF HE'S ALIVE I'VE GOT
TO FINISH HIM... **ONCE
AND FOR ALL!**



**EMPTY! HE'S
OUT AND ALIVE!**



SLAM!



LANTERN WENT OUT
WHEN DOOR BLEW
SHUT! I'M TRAPPED
IN HERE WITH HIM!



WAKING UP IN THE COFFIN
HE MUST BE STARK MAD
FROM FRIGHT... A CRAZED
ANIMAL! MUST GET HIM
BEFORE HE GETS ME!

STANFORD?
SPEAK UP, LAD!
I KNOW YOU'RE
HERE!



GOT TO LIGHT
THE LANTERN...
FIND HIM!

**OWWW! MY FINGERS!
THE LANTERN!
NO!**



STANFORD! STAY WHERE YOU
ARE! DON'T DO ANYTHING
RASH! I'M A DOCTOR...
I CAN HELP YOU...
SOON AS I FIND
MY LANTERN

THIS IS MY
LAST MATCH!
ONCE IT GOES DARK,
HE'LL GET ME! WHERE
DID THAT LANTERN
ROLL?!!

YOU'VE GOT MY LANTERN,
HAVEN'T YOU, STANFORD?
STANFORD? PLEASE SAY
SOMETHING! I'M SORRY
ABOUT WHAT I DID.
STANFORD! PLEASE! DON'T
TOY WITH ME LIKE THIS...

PLEASE, STANFORD... DON'T
DO THIS TO ME! TALK!
STANFORD! PLEASE DON'T
HURT ME... PLEASE!
PLEASE! PLEA--

YAHHHHHH!

CHECKING THE MAUSOLEUM, IN THE MORNING,
THE CARETAKERS WERE PRESENTED WITH A
CHILLING SIGHT...

IT'S DOCTOR
BEAMISH!

MUST HAVE DIED OF
FRIGHT! PROBABLY WHEN
HE WALKED INTO THAT
COBWEB TANGLE!

WHAT THE DEVIL
WAS HE DOING
IN THERE
ANYWAY?

WE'LL NEVER KNOW...
GET HIM INTO THE
VAN SO HE CAN BE
DROPPED OFF TO
THE POLICE!

HURRY
IT UP! I
GOT TO SPECIAL
DELIVER THIS OTHER
ONE YOU PUT IN
HERE LAST NIGHT!

IN YOU GO DOCTOR!
WHY'D HE HAVE TO
SHUFFLE YOUNG
STANFORD ABOUT
ANYWAYS?

RELATIVES DIDN'T WANT HIM IN OUR
COMMONER'S MAUSOLEUM... GOT SPECIAL
PERMISSION TO RETURN HIM TO THE
FAMILY CRYPT! BUT WHAT'S IT TO US?
I SAY, IF A MAN'S DEAD... WHO CARES
WHERE HE LIES?!

HEH, HEH! WHO IN-
DEED? JUST DOC
BEAMISH! HE COULD
HAVE GOTTEN A GOOD
NIGHT'S SLEEP
INSTEAD OF RUNNING
AROUND WASTING
MATCHES! OH, WELL...
HE'S GOT A LONG
TIME TO SLEEP NOW!





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SOUL OF HORROR!

WARRLOCK! WIZARD!
EVIL-WORSHIPPER!
WE'RE PUTTING AN
END TO YOUR UNHOLY
WITCHCRAFT!

STAY BACK, YOU
RASCAL MORTAL BLUNDERERS!
MY WORK WON'T BE
STOPPED BY THE
LIKES OF YOU!



I DO NOT KNOW THE EXACT DETAILS OF SNOW WHITE'S DEATH. HE WAS AN EVIL MAN, UNBURNED BY THE NEW ENGLAND VILLAGERS OF LARCHWICK. A FEW WHISPERED FACTS ARE CERTAIN: THE DATE WAS AUGUST 25, 1935... THE DEED WAS DONE TO THE LOUD SCREECHING OF BLACKBIRDS.

KILL HIM! QUICKLY!

GET HIM!

THERE IS A LOCAL SUPERSTITION ABOUT BLACKBIRDS THEY LIE IN WAIT FOR THE SOULS OF THE DYING, THEIR SCREECHES AND CHATTERING IN TUNE WITH THE LAST BREATHS! IF THEY CATCH THE DEPARTING SOUL, THEIR CRIES SHRIEK THROUGHOUT THE NIGHT, IF NOT...

LISTEN! THEM BIRDS HAVE STOPPED!

JUST FLYIN' AWAY... SIMON NECTATE'S SOUL IS STILL FREE!



ALL THIS I LEARNED LATER, AT THAT SAME MOMENT, AS NEW RESIDENT DOCTOR TO THE AREA, DEATH WASN'T ON MY MIND, BUT LIFE... LEMUEL CATLETT WAS BEING BORN

I PLACED THE BABY IN HER ARMS AND STEPPED BACK... FOR THE FIRST TIME, THE MOTHER LOOKED INTO THE SHINY BLACK EYES AND RUDDY FACE OF HER SON...



A BOY, MRS CATLETT! BIG AND HEALTHY!

PLEASE, DR. LOCKE... LET ME LOOK AT HIM.

EEEEEEEE-AAAAGGHHH!!



D-DOCTOR... S-SHE'S... DEAD!



THE TRAGEDY SAT ON ME LIKE A ROCK... MY WORDS OF COMFORT TO THE FATHER, CAME FROM A CHOKED THROAT.

I'VE NEVER ENCOUNTERED ANYTHING LIKE IT... YOU MUST TAKE COMFORT IN THE BOY! HE'S ALL RIGHT... DOING WELL...

YES... I STILL HAVE HAVE... THE BOY...



IN THE MONTHS THAT FOLLOWED, THE EFFECT OF THE TRAGEDY WAS SOFTENED SOMEWHAT BY INVOLVEMENT IN MY WORK. ALTHOUGH EACH TIME I MADE THE ROUNDS OF THE BACKWOODS COMMUNITY, I'D STOP AT THE CATLETT FARM...

THOUGHT I'D CHECK AND SEE HOW LEMUEL'S DOING.

THE BOY? WHY, HE'S FINE GROWIN' BIG... STRONG-FAST! NEVER SEEN ANYTHIN' LIKE IT!



AFTER A YEAR, IT BECAME OBVIOUS TO ALL LARCHWICK, LEMUEL WAS NOT NORMAL... VILLAGERS BEGAN STEERING CLEAR OF THE CATLETT PLACE AND IT WAS SAID EVEN ANIMALS SHIED AND BALKED WHEN THE BOY WAS OUT...

IT'S FANTASTIC! MOST FIVE-YEAR OLDS AREN'T THIS DEVELOPED!

AN' HE READS! ANYTHIN' HE CAN GET HIS HANDS ON, LIKE HE WAS LOOKIN' FOR SUMTHIN'...



THROUGH THE YEARS, LEMUEL'S PHENOMENAL DEVELOPMENT CONTINUED, INCREASINGLY GROTESQUE, LIKE SOMETHING HUGE STRETCHING A CHILD'S FORM TO MAKE IT FIT! AND LEMUEL WAS NOT THE ONLY ONE CHANGING...

JUST AS LEAVE YOU DIDN'T DROP AROUND ANY MORE, DOC. BOY SAYS VISITORS BOTHER HIM! I'LL CALL IF I NEED YOU...

LORD! CATLETT WAS MY AGE WHEN LEM WAS BORN, BUT NOW...



THE YEARS ALSO BROUGHT CHANGES FOR ME... LOVE AND MARRIAGE... THOUGH A TERRIFYING EVENT MARRED MY WEDDING DAY.

BEST COME QUICK, DOC... PA'S DYING - KEEPS ASKIN' FOR YOU...



MY GOD!

GUESS WE'RE TOO LATE...



LEM! YOUR FATHER WAS ONLY FORTY! S-BUT THIS DIED UP SHELL... IT'S LIKE ALL THE LIFE HAS BEEN DRAWN OUT OF HIS BODY.

LISSEN TO THOSE BLACK-BIRDS... SOUNDS LIKE THEY CAUGHT A SOUL FOR SURE!



CATLETT'S FARM LEFT LEM WITH ENOUGH TO LIVE ON! THE RURAL SCHOOLS COULD OFFER HIM NOTHING. HE WAS LEFT ALONE, TO HIS AND LARCHWICK'S SATISFACTION. TIME PASSED. THEN THE HORRORS BEGAN...

GOOD LORD! YES... YES... I'LL BE RIGHT OVER!



W-W-WHAT? THE DOGS ALWAYS (SOS) LOVED HIM! T-TONIGHT WHEN HE WENT... TO FEED THEM (SOS)... THEY WENT CRAZY... TORE AT HIM (SOS) I H-HAD TO SHOOT THEM. TOO LATE!

THE IMAGE OF THE SAVAGELY TORN BODY HUNG IN MY MIND ON THE TRIP HOME, UNTIL A GROTESQUELY FAMILIAR FORM APPEARED AHEAD.



LATE TO BE TRAMPING ABOUT THE WOODS, ISN'T IT, LEM?

I LIKE THE WOODS, DOC... THE DARKNESS AND WILD CREATURES BESIDES... I HAD BUSINESS THERE!



THE NEXT TIME THERE WAS NO NEED TO CALL ME... DEATH CAME SCREAMING RIGHT INTO THE CENTER OF LARCHWICK!



AAAAARRGHHH!

DEAD! PROBABLY FROM SHOCK AS MUCH AS THE STINGING!

NEVER SAW NOTHIN' LIKE IT! ABE KEPT BEEG FOR YEARS... NOBODY COULD HANDLE 'EM LIKE HIM!



DON'T LIKE IT! FIRST SAM,
NOW ARE... THEY WAS BOTH
WITH US THAT NIGHT 'GAINST
SIMON NEKATE... LARDY,
I DON'T LIKE IT!



THE HINT OF A PATTERN MADE THE SECOND DEATH
ALL THE MORE CHILLING... AND WHILE MAKING MY
OUNDS, YET ANOTHER PATTERN SEEMED EVIDENT.



LEM! JUST LIKE WHEN
I WAS COMING HOME
FROM SAM'S



IT WAS A BUSY TIME. I HAD MY PATIENTS AND MY WIFE
WAS NOW WITH CHILD. YET SOMEROW I COULD NOT PUT
PUT LERUEL'S WOODLAND. WANDERING'S FROM MY MIND...
SOMETHING DROVE ME TO CHECK THE AREA HE HAD BEEN
FREQUENTING.



A SHACK! THEY'VE SAID
SIMON NEKATE LIVED
SOMEBODY IN HERE...

INSIDE AND OUT, IT WAS A PLACE
OF ROT AND DECAY. FOUL AIR...
LACED WITH CORMERS... STILL IT
SEEMED TO ME, THE SHACK WAS
BEING **USED!**



THE FIREPLACE!
THOSE BRICKS
LOOK LOOSE!

BEHIND THE BRICKS I FOUND THEM!
HELLISH VOLUMES SAME MEN LONG AGO
HAP HOPED. WERE DESTROYED... INCANTATIONS
SPELLS CHANTS. AND POTIONS
DARK BOOKS FOR THE PRACTICE OF EVIL.

THOSE ARE MINE!
WHAT RIGHT DO YOU
HAVE TO BE HERE?
WHAT RIGHT?



THE PAINTED ADULT FACE IN THE MISSEAPEN
CHILD'S HEAD WAS RED WITH ANGER... THE
SHINY BLACK EYES GLARED INTO ME... I
WAS GRIPPED BY A GAWWING FEAR AND
FLED WITHOUT SAYING A WORD...



STAY AWAY FROM HERE!
THIS IS MY PLACE!
BEST YOU LEAVE
ME ALONE!

AGAIN, TIME NUMBED ME. THERE WERE MANY CALLS AND MY WIFE'S CONDITION TO BE CONCERNED WITH. UNEVENTFUL MONTHS PASSED AND I LAUGHED ABOUT MY FEAR... THEN...

THEY WAG
WORKIN' SIDE BY SIDE
SEEMED TO GO INSANE
STARTED HACKIN' AWAY
AT EACH OTHER



THESE ARE THE LAST
TWO! ALL THE MEN
RUMORED TO HAVE
KILLED SIMON HECATE
ARE... DEAD!

I KNEW WHAT I MUST DO!
IT WAS LATE, BUT THE MOON WAS
HIGH AND FULL... I HAD NO
TROUBLE FINDING MY WAY TO
THE SHACK...

HE'S IN
THERE.



LEW? NO
CALL ME
SIMON!

STOP! HAVEN'T
YOU DONE ENOUGH,
LEW?



NG GUTH...
WINTHURR DJON'T
HUN 'BLUGH!



Y-YOU,
SIMON
HECATE?

DID YOU THINK THOSE
FOOLS KILLED ME? I
HAVE THE POWER TO
TRANSFER MY SOUL INTO
ANY FRESH-BORN
INFANT



...I HAVE THE POWER TO STEAL LIFE FROM ANOTHER BODY SO MY OWN INFANT SHELL WILL GROW AND MATURE QUICKLY! AND DOCTOR LOCKE, I HAVE THE POWER TO STRIKE YOU DEAD AS YOU STAND!

R'NERTH...
ABSLTH...
SONDAR...

THE HIDEOUS LITTLE MOUTH GRINNED AS IT SPEWED FORTH THE DEADLY SPELL FROM THE FORBIDDEN BOOKS... I STRUCK WITH THE ONLY THING AT MY COMMAND!

I BROUGHT YOU INTO THIS WORLD AND...

WHACK!

...I'LL TAKE YOU OUT!

THE THING I GRAPPLED WITH WAS LESS THAN TEN YEARS OLD, YET HAD THE STRENGTH AND POWER OF A MAN MORE THAN MY EQUAL... LEM NEEDED NO SPELL... HE WAS KILLING ME WITH HIS BARE HANDS!

NO CHANCE, UNLESS...

CHUK!
AIEEEEEEE!

OUTSIDE THE BLACKBIRDS WERE SEARCHING VIOLENTLY... THE THING CRUMBLED AND DECAYED WITH THE DEATH STROKE, NOT LIKE SOMETHING OF LEM'S AGE, BUT AS WOULD THE ANCIENT *SIMON NEKATE*! BEHIND ME AS I STAGGERED FROM THE PLACE OF DREAD, A FIRE WAS STARTING

THERE WAS NO SENSE OF VICTORY OR TRUMPING AS I RAN FROM THE SHACK... ONLY HORROR AND REVULSION 'ABOVE ME' I COULD HEAR, THE BEATING 'BLACKBIRDS' WINGS AS THEY SILENTLY FLEW AWAY...

IT DOESN'T MATTER! THERE ARE NO NEW-BORN CHILDREN... HIS SOUL IS DOOMED!

SOMEHOW I MADE IT BACK TO LARCH-WICK... TO MY OWN HOME...

DOC! WE'VE LOOKED ALL OVER FOR YOU... YOUR WIFE... THE 'BABY' CAME PREMATURELY!

WE HAD TO GET DOC JONAS FROM GREENFALLS.

HALF-DAZED, I WAS PUSHED INWIDE... FEELING LIKE A MAN IN A DREAM...

I WANT YOU TO KNOW, LOCKE... I DID EVERYTHING I COULD! THINGS SEEMED TO GO WELL... THEN, WHEN IT WAS OVER, SHE... BUT YOU SHOULDN'T THINK OF THAT! TRY TO THINK ABOUT...

"YOUR SON! FINE AND HEALTHY!"

I STARTED AT THE WRINGLED RED FACE BEFORE ME... HAD MY WIFE SEEN THE SAME HORRORS IN THOSE SPARKLING BLACK EYES AS MRS. CATLETT IN LEM'S? I COULDN'T BE SURE... HE LOOKED BRIGHT AND FINE... YET SOMEWHERE I COULD STILL HEAR A VOICE SAYING... *CALL ME SIMON!*

NO USE KIDDING AROUND (HEY, HEY)... DOC LOCKE'S REALLY GOT A PROBLEM! HOPE HE CAN FIND AN ANSWER... ALTHOUGH IT MIGHT TAKE QUITE A *SPELL* TO GET TO THE *SOUL* OF THE MATTER!



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SKELETON CREW!

LIKE A HARPOONED WHALE BREATHING ITS LAST, THE FREIGHTER LAY PILED INTO THE ROCKS SOMEWHERE OFF THE COAST OF HONDURAS...BREAKERS SMACKED AGAINST ITS IRON HULL AS THOUGH TRYING TO DRIVE THE VESSEL FROM THE REEF...GULLS CIRCLED CURIOUSLY OVERHEAD, BUT REFUSED TO LAND ON THE EMPTY DECKS...FINALLY, THE DESOLATE AIR WAS BROKEN BY THE CHUGGING OF AN APPROACHING DIESEL ENGINE...

LOOK, SENOR CARPENTER, IT'S AS I SAID! I KNEW I HEARD A CRASH BEFORE DAWN THIS MORNING!

GOOD BOY, MANUEL! IF SHE'S GOT A FAIR CARGO, THE SALVAGE RIGHTS COULD MAKE US RICH!

PUTTING IN AS CLOSE TO THE STRICKEN SHIP AS THEY DARED, THE TWO MEN LOST NO TIME IN ASSAULTING THE SALT-SPRAYED SIDE OF THE CREAKING WRECK...

NO SIGN OF ANYONE...THEY'VE ABANDONED HER!

THE FOOLS! DOESN'T SEEM IN DANGER OF SINKING...THEY HAVE GIVEN US A FINE PRIZE!



SEÑOR CARPENTER! THE LIFEBOAT... IF THEY'VE DESERTED THE SHIP WHY HASN'T THE LIFEBOAT BEEN USED?

STRANGE ALL RIGHT... DOWNRIGHT WEIRD!

ABOVE THEM, THE GULLS GAVE PIERCING SHRIEKS... BENEATH THEIR FEET, THE TIDE RHYTHMICALLY ROCKED THE STRANDED VESSEL, CREAKING AND MOANING.



ANYBODY HERE? HEY! ANYONE AROUND?

I DON'T LIKE THIS... I DON'T LIKE THIS AT A--

MANUEL NEVER FINISHED. BOTH MEN WHIRLED AT THE NEW SOUND... A DULL, HOLLOW, ROLLING... THUMP AFTER THUMP AFTER THUMP.



MADRE DE DIOS!

LORD!



THEY MOVED WITHOUT RELISH IN THE DIRECTION FROM WHICH THE GRISLY WARNING HAD COME... THEIR OWN FOOTSTEPS ECHOING AS HOLLOWLY ON THE DECK AS HAD THE BLEACHED WHITE SKULL.

AH! WHAT KIND OF SHIP IS THIS? PERHAPS SEÑOR CARPENTER, IT'S BETTER IF WE GO FOR THE AUTHORITIES IMMEDIATELY.

WHERE'S YOUR NERVE, BOY? WE'RE CLAIMING THIS TUB LET'S SEE IT THROUGH!

MANUEL SHRUGGED OFF HIS FEAR. THE TWO MEN MOVED ON CAUTIOUSLY, MAKING THEIR WAY TO THE BRIDGE... THE DOOR WAS SEALED FROM THE INSIDE. AFTER SOME BATTERING, IT BURST OPEN.



JUST LIKE THE OTHERS!
BONE AND A FEW SHREDS
OF CLOTHES

HE WAS WRITING IN THE
LOG! PERHAPS THERE'S
SOMETHING ABOUT
T-THIS!

GENTLY, MANUEL SLIPPED THE RAGGED LOG BOOK FROM THE BONY FINGERS, AND LEAFED THROUGH THE PAGES. THE LAST ENTRY WAS LONG AND UNOFFICIAL, ALMOST ILLEGIBLY SCRAWLED.



HE WAS THE FIRST MATE
NAME'S THORSEN SEEMS
TO HAVE WRITTEN THIS
VERY HURRIEDLY

READ IT
SEE WHAT
YOU CAN
LEARN MANUEL
I'M GONNA
CHECK OUT THE
HOLD FIND OUT WHAT
THE CARGO IS!



COWN, DUFFY! QUIT
BELLVACHIN' AN' HOLD
UP YOUR END!

IT'S NOT FAIR WE
SHOULD SAIL WITH SUCH A
THING. A COFFIN ABOARD
WILL JUNK US FOR CERTAIN,
YOU MARK MY WORDS!
**BAD LUCK'S
COMIN'!**

"IT BEGAN WITH THE COFFIN, IF WE
HADN'T TAKEN ON THAT COFFIN DOWN
IN BRAZIL, I WOULDN'T BE SITTING
HERE WRITING THIS AND THE *RIO STAR*
WOULD STILL BE STEAMING TOWARD
GALVESTON..."

"DID I REALLY SENSE SOMETHING EVEN THEN,
OR WAS IT THE GRUMBING OF AN OLD HAND
LIKE DUFFY THAT SENT ME TO CAPTAIN LORCA?"

SOME OF THE CREW'S
NOT TOO HAPPY ABOUT
PUTTING ON A DEAD
MAN, SIR.

COMPANY ORDERS,
MR. THORSEN. HE WAS
ONE OF OUR AGENTS.
BODY'S BEING RETURNED
TO THE STATES. HAD A
RUN-IN WITH THE INDIANS,
SOMETHING ABOUT
A GIRL...



THEY BELIEVE A SOUL NEEDS
A PERFECT BODY TO ENJOY THE
AFTERLIFE. WANTED TO MUTILATE
THIS FELLOW'S CORPSE TO MAKE
HIM PAY! MAIN OFFICE THOUGHT
IT WOULD BE BETTER ALL
AROUND TO GET THE BODY
OUT...**RAPIDAMENTE!**

"SEVERAL DAYS AFTER THAT THE TROUBLE
BEGAN... SHORTLY BEFORE DAWN AS I WAS
ABOUT TO COME OFF MY WATCH..."

DEAD? HOW COULD
IT JUST GO DEAD,
ALVAREZ?

GUINNY SAGE, SENIOR
THORSEN? SOMETIMES
THE SALT AIR GETS TO
THE CRYSTALS... I'LL
LOOK INSIDE AND
SEE WHAT I
CAN DO!



IF YOU DON'T HAVE
ANY LUCK BEFORE YOUR
RELIEF COMES ON, I'LL
TELL THE CAPTAIN
AND--



"THE CRY CUT THROUGH THE BREAKING DAWN
LIKE A RAZOR! I RUSHED BELOW TO WHERE
THE NIGHT GANG WERE WAITING THE CHANGE
OF SHIFT..."



WHAT THE DEVIL
GOES ON DOWN
HERE?

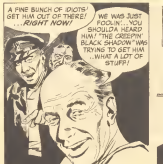
IT'S DUFFY,
SIR. WE LOOKED
HIM IN THE FORWARD
COMPARTMENT WITH
THE COPPIN! JUST A JOKE...

THAT OL' IRISHMAN
AIN'T BEEN SO FEISTY
SINCE HE GOT A
CORPSE FOR A BUNK
MATE! HA! SCREAM-
ING LIKE AN OLD
LADY!



A FINE BUNCH OF IDIOTS!
GET HIM OUT OF THERE!
...RIGHT NOW!

WE WAS JUST
FOOLIN'... YOU
SHOULDA HEARD
HIM! "THE CREEPIN'
BLACK SHADOW" WAS
TRYING TO GET HIM
...WHAT A LOT OF
STUFF!



"THE LAUGHTER STOPPED SHORT AS THE HATCH
SWUNG OPEN THROWING A RAY OF LIGHT INTO
THE BLACKNESS. THOSE WHO'D FOUND HUMOR
IN THE HYSTERICAL SHRIEKS OF MOMENTS BE-
FORE NOW FOUND THEMSELVES SCREAMING..."

DUFFY!
OH, MY GOD...
DUFFY!



"NO ONE SAID ANY MORE BUT IT WAS I WHO FOUND THE FIRE AXE AND PUT IT TO THE HELLISH COFFIN FROM WHICH DUFFY'S DEATH HAD CREPT FORTH..."

"IT'S JUST LIKE DUFFY..."

"A MAN NOT DEAD A WEEK, NOTHIN' BUT BONE AND RAGS... AIN'T NATURAL!"



"THE MORNING SUN WAS RISING AS I RACED TOPSIDE TO WAKE THE CAPTAIN, REVULSION SWIMMING WITHIN ME. THERE WAS NO NEED FOR ME TO GO TO HIS CABIN."

CAPTAIN LORCA!

SCUM! PISS! COWARDS! DESERTERS!



CAPTAIN! THOSE ARE OUR MEN... WHAT'RE THEY DOING? THERE ARE SHARKS IN THOSE WATERS!

COULDN'T STOP THEM...THEY HEARD THE SCREAMS AND GOT TO THE RADIO SHACK BEFORE ME! THEY SAW WHAT HAPPENED...THEY KNOW WHAT'S WRONG!



"A QUESTION FORMED ON MY TONGUE AND WAS NEVER UTTERED AS THE MORNING AIR WAS RENT BY A VOLUME OF PITIFUL SCREAMS..."

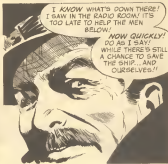
SANGRE DE CRISTO! DON'T QUESTION, JUST OBEY ME...YOU TAKE THE STERN, I'LL TAKE THE BOW... LOOK EVERY HATCH LEADING ON DECK!

B-BUT THE REST OF THE CREW IS BELOW...SOME-THING'S DOWN THERE...



I KNOW WHAT'S DOWN THERE! I SAW IN THE RADIO ROOM! IT'S TOO LATE TO HELP THE MEN BELOW!

NOW QUICKLY! DO AS I SAY! WHILE THERE'S STILL A CHANCE TO SAVE THE SHIP...AND OURSELVES!!



"PUTTING MY EARS TO THE HORRENDOUS SHRIEKS BELOW DECK, I RUSHED TO COMPLETE MY TASK, SLAMMING HATCH AFTER HATCH...AND SO PASSED THE RADIO ROOM. ALVAREZ HAD LOCATED THE TROUBLE, THE LAST THING HE DID ON EARTH!"



"THE SCREAMS WERE NOT THE END WITH THE RISING SUN TO ITS BACK, SOMETHING CAME STAGGERING ACROSS THE DECK, VAGUELY MAN-LIKE BUT WITH A SKIN OF SHINING WRITHING BLACKNESS... YET THE VOICE, THE HIDEOUS TORTURED VOICE... WAS THAT OF THE CAPTAIN!"



"WITH ALL REAR HATCHES SECURED, I CLAMBERED TO THE BRIDGE EXPECTING TO MEET THE CAPTAIN... THE SOUND OF GUNSHOTS TOLD ME HE'D BEEN UNABLE TO GET ALL THE BOW HATCHES..."



"ABOVE THE WHEELHOUSE DOOR HUNG A RIFLE. THE PAINFUL SHRIEKS LEFT ME NO DOUBT AS TO WHAT I MUST DO..."



"THE WHEELHOUSE IS COMPLETELY SEALED OFF. I HAVE SET THE SHIP ON A COURSE FOR SHORE. THERE'S A GOOD CHANCE I WILL MAKE IT, YET STILL I WRITE...IT TAKES MY MIND OFF...OFF WHAT'S WAITING OUT THERE! BUT NOW SOMETHING OCCURS TO ME...SOMETHING..."



MANUEL CLOSED THE BOOK. THERE WAS NOTHING MORE TO READ. THE SUN BEAT THROUGH THE GLASS OF THE WHEELHOUSE. ITS HEAT MAGNIFIED. YET MANUEL FOUND HIMSELF SHIVERING.

HE SHIFTED UNCOMFORTABLY AND SOMETHING CRUNCHED UNDERFOOT. FOR THE FIRST TIME MANUEL BECAME AWARE OF WHAT LITTERED THE FLOOR OF THE WHEELHOUSE.

SUDDENLY MANUEL UNDERSTOOD EVERYTHING...HE FULLY UNDERSTOOD THE CREEPING HORROR THAT HAD TURNED THE FREIGHTER RIO STAR INTO A SHIP OF HELL!

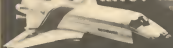


AND JUST AS SUDDENLY, THERE WAS NO PLACE TO RUN. MANUEL STARED OUT AT A WRITHING, CRAWLING SEA OF GLEANING EBONY WHOSE LEAD POINT WAS WHAT REMAINED OF CARPENTER... **WARRIOR ANTS!** CONSTANTLY FORAGING ANTS OF THE BRAZILIAN JUNGLE WHO EAT ANY FLESH OR FOOD FALLING IN THEIR JUGGERNAUT PATH... AND GO ON FOR MORE! JUST AS THEY DID WHEN THEY FINISHED THE CORPSE IN THE COFFIN WHERE THE INDIANS HAD PLACED THEM... **WARRIOR ANTS!!**



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HEY, CULLEN...CHEER UP!
THEM GERMANS ARE JUST MEN...
SAME AS YOU AND ME!
WE CAN HANDLE 'EM...

RED LIGHT...
ON YOUR
FEET!





DIETRICH YOU DUMMMIOFF! LOOK ALERT!
HEADQUARTERS THINKS THOSE PLANES THAT
PASSED OVERHEAD WERE DROPPING
PARATROOPERS! DON'T FALL ASLEEP
AS YOU USUALLY DO!

JAWOW!
SERGENT!

O S. PIGS! THINK EVERYONE
WHO ISN'T A BUTCHER LIKE
THEM DOESN'T DO HIS JOB!



ACH! PERHAPS
THEY'RE RIGHT. I'VE
NO TASTE FOR FIGHTING
AND KILLING. WAR
IS FOR PROFESSIONALS!

BAROOOM!
KACHOW!
KACHOW!



WAS?

DONNERWETTER! AMERIKANISCHE PARASCHUTISEN!



HEY! THERE'S ANOTHER
ONE COMIN' UP TO CHECK
OUT THAT MOTORCYCLE
WE CLOMBERED...

FORGET HIM!
WE BETTER TRY
TO LINK UP WITH
THE OTHERS...
SOUNDS LIKE
TROUBLE IN THE
VILLAGE!

COM'N! THAT'S
OUR GUYS FIRIN' FROM
THAT BUILDING!

PRETTY OPEN,
MAC...WHAT IF
TH' KRAUTS
HAVE THIS
COVERED
BY--

--MACHINE GUN!!

BRRRRRRRRPPp!!

BUDDA BUDDA
BUDDAAAA!!

BUDDA BUDDA BUDDAAAA!!

BETTER GRAB A WINDOW.
THIS IS ALL THAT'S LEFT OF
OUR DROP! KRAUTS HAVE
TH' PLACE CUT OFF!





WATCH THE PRISONER WHILE
I REPORT TO THE
OBERLEUTNANT!

SO YOUNG! SO FRIGHTENED!
BUT AT LEAST NOW HE'S
OUT OF IT... SAFE
FROM THE WAR...

THE YANKEES HAVE
LAUNCHED A MAJOR ATTACK
ALL ALONG OUR FRONT! WE'RE
FALLING OUT. IMMEDIATELY!
SHOOT THE PRISONER!
SCHNELL!

LIEBER GOTT!
HE'S HELPLESS
WOUNDED... IT'S
AN ATROCITY!

HEY! WATTA YA DOIN'P!
I'M A PRISONER OF WAR...
PRISONER OF WA--

IT ISN'T MY FAULT...

I'M ONLY FOLLOWING ORDERS!

KA-CHOW!
KA-CHOW!

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KASSERINE PASS!



THIS IS A SHERMAN TANK...BIGGEST AND BEST MANUFACTURED BY THE UNITED STATES.. HOW COULD IT FAIL LIKE THIS?

ACKNOWLEDGED SUPERIOR TO THE GERMAN TANKS...YET NOW IT SMOULDERED AND BURNS WHO COULD HAVE STOPPED IT?

EARLIER, THIS SAME TANK RUMBLED ON PATROL...PROBING TO LOCATE THE RETREATING REAR COLUMN OF ROMMEL'S AFRIKA CORPS...

THIS PATROL'S STUPID...BY NOW ROMMEL AND HIS BOYS ARE SWIMMING THE MEDITERRANEAN BACK TO ITALY!

THOSE GERMAN'S ARE SEASONED VETS...ROMMEL COULDN'T HAVE LASTED THIS LONG IF THEY WERE AS EASY AS YOU MAKE OUT, WARNER!

AAAH! MAYBE ONCE...NOW THAT WE'VE GOT SUPERIOR EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLY LINES, THEY'VE HAD IT-HEY, KILEY! WHATTA YOU LOOKIN' AT?

VALENTINE! TODAY IS FEBRUARY 14! MY GIRL MADE IT HERSELF!...

SHE MUSTA MAILED IT WHEN YOU WERE DRAFTED TO GET IT HERE ON TIME! HA! YOU'RE HOT STUFF KID... VALENTINES IN THE DESERT...DON'T LET THE AFRIKA CORPS FIND OUT!

WARNER, HOW COME YOU'RE SUCH AN EXPERT ON GERMAN'S? WE'VE ONLY HAD A FEW SKIRMISHES WITH THEM...

WELL, INGLES, I...

HEY, BELOW I THINK I SEE SOME--UFFF!











RONALD'S ARKONA CORPS PLUNGES FORWARD TO PUSH THE INEXPERIENCED U.S. TROOPS BACK 35 MILES LEAVING BEHIND A BURNING SHERMAN TANK. A WAR MACHINE GOOD ONLY AS THE MEN INSIDE! BUT AFTER KASSERINE PASS THERE WOULD BE NEW MEN... NOW EXPERIENCED. NOW VETERANS... MEN TO EQUAL THEIR WEAPONS OF WAR!

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